

so that the new method could begin on Friday.

Those of us whose business life is to pay the city find it hard enough to prevent the city from spending money on the city will tell stories almost beyond belief about nursing from one man to another a legitimate bill. While some are not to be taken too seriously, others are. It was a great step in advance to fix things so that the warrant could be passed through in two days, but this would have given little satisfaction if it had taken two months to get a voucher to the warrant stage. So annoying and to many so disconcerting has been the process of lobbying bills for no clerk to clear and thence to official of telephoning influential friends to telephone the Comptroller, or of calling personally on the Comptroller or his deputy and asking him to find and push through one's bill that many of the best tradesmen and contractors will have nothing to do with it.

Cash and trade discounts that would mean hundreds of thousands a year have been impossible because of these delays. Thus we have a spectacle of a city, with millions of dollars in bank, drawing little or no interest, paying 10 or 15 per cent. more than it need pay for its supplies. From now on there will be absolutely no delay in the passing of bills through the Comptroller's office when the department has once said they were correct. Moreover, the voucher will itself show which of the various officials is to blame for the delay. The number of months and days will be recorded on the vouchers, and the Comptroller's instructions require that a written explanation shall be given for undue delay. Thus one citizen is put on a level with every other citizen and in position to secure redress if an employee or official fails to put his bill through in a logical order. There will henceforth be no reason why any tradesman or contractor should not secure from the city the same prompt payment as from any other customer.

Private Sales.—The Lansing Investment Company has sold to Boni Bros., 100 Broadway, a large lot of property, including a lot bounded by Broadway, Riverside Drive, 15th to 16th street. The property was formerly part of the old Union Park and was sold for about \$150,000. James N. Butler is the broker.

EIGHTY-THIRD STREET.—The property of Oscar L. Foley has sold for Marie True to a client for investment No. 378 West Eighty-third street, on plot 60212.22 irregular, near Riverside Drive.

THIRD AVENUE.—The Savings Bank has sold its property at the southeast corner of Third Avenue and 14th street. It is a lot of 14,000 sq. ft. lying on a plot fronting 14 feet on the avenue and 80 feet on the street. The selling price is reported at \$25,000. The bank is now located in its new building, on 12th street near Lexington Avenue.

BROADWAY.—The Boon estate has sold to an operator No. 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 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